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*Public Encouraged to Attend Meeting*

## GEORGIA DOT WANTS YOUR TWO CENTS IN THE ADDITION OF A PASSING LANE TO HIGHWAY 53 EAST OF JASPER IN PICKENS COUNTY

JASPER, Ga. - A public information open house to discuss the Georgia DOT proposed project to add an eastbound passing lane to State Route (SR) 53 east of Jasper is scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2015 from 5 until 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at Foothills Community Church, located at 13724 Highway 53 in Marble Hill, Georgia.

Pickens counties' residents interested in learning more about the proposed project are encouraged to attend the meeting and express their thoughts and preferences.

"We would like to hear the viewpoints and concerns of all area residents," says DeWayne Comer, district engineer at the Georgia DOT office in Cartersville. "The Georgia DOT strongly believes that since this project is intended to serve the people of Pickens County, the ideas and preferences of these people are important and can make a difference in our planning process," Comer explains. "This meeting will provide the public with an opportunity to review the proposed project, ask questions, and express their preferences as well as their concerns."

The proposed plans call for the addition of one mile of eastbound passing lane on SR 53 east of Jasper, beginning at Four Mile Church Road And extending to west of Wilkie Road in Pickens County.

The Open House will be informal and the public is invited to attend anytime between 5 and 7 p.m. The meeting site is accessible to persons with disabilities. Accommodations for people with disabilities can be arranged with advance notice by calling Cherie Marsh at (678) 721-5257.

Written statements will be accepted concerning this project until Monday, June 29, 2015. Written statements may be submitted to:

Ms. Hiral Patel, P.E.  
Georgia Department of Transportation  
Office of Environmental Services  
600 West Peachtree Street, NW – 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

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